

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Dennis Lenz-R, on March 31, 2023 at 3:38 PM, in 303

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 29 03/27/2023
HB 376 03/27/2023
HB 544 03/27/2023
HJ 12 03/27/2023

Executive Action:

HB 582
HB 610
HB 655
HB 684
HB 657 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HB 29 - Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI

Opening Statement:

15:39:15 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 29, Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI.

Discussion:

15:39:28 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:44:54 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association

15:47:05 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Montana

15:48:00 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Montana

Opponent Testimony:

15:48:53 Chad Parker, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:54:39 Sen. Jen Gross

15:54:53 Chad Parker, DPHHS

15:55:29 Sen. Jen Gross

15:56:03 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association

15:56:40 Sen. Jen Gross

15:56:45 Chad Parker, DPHHS

15:57:28 Sen. Jen Gross

16:00:43 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:01:56 Sen. Becky Beard

16:05:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:07:04 Sen. Jen Gross
16:07:26 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association
16:08:02 Adrienne Cotton, AARP
16:08:27 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
16:12:47 Chad Parker, DPHHS
16:13:53 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

Closing Statement:

16:14:32 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 29.

Discussion:

16:16:43 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HJ 12 - Joint resolution to request a ban on pharmaceutical ads on public
airwaves**

Opening Statement:

16:18:12 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 12, Joint resolution to request a ban on pharmaceutical ads on public airwaves.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:19:46 Sen. Jen Gross
16:20:48 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
16:23:22 Sen. Susan Webber

16:23:55 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
16:24:09 Sen. Becky Beard
16:26:02 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
16:26:40 Sen. Steve Hinebauch
16:28:57 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
16:29:03 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

Closing Statement:

16:29:36 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HJ 12.

HEARING ON HB 544 - Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP

Opening Statement:

16:30:57 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 544, Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP.

Proponent Testimony:

16:34:33 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

Opponent Testimony:

16:37:50 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
16:41:25 Zuri Merino, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
16:43:59 Mary Collins, Women's Foundation of Montana (WFM)
16:46:25 Hailey Hogan, self
16:47:48 Tess Carlson, self
16:49:44 Martha Fuller, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana
16:52:03 Stephanie McDowell, Urgent Care Bozeman
16:54:06 Andi Baldwin, Profitable Ideas Exchange (PIE)
16:56:25 Catherine Parke, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

16:58:47 Dr. Thomas Roberts, self
17:00:54 Seely Davidson, Blue Mountain Clinic
17:03:30 Devi Cole, Montana Women Vote

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:05:22 Paula Stannard, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

17:06:03 Sen. Jen Gross
17:06:31 Robin Turner- ACLU
17:08:14 Sen. Jen Gross
17:08:18 Dr. Thomas Roberts
17:09:47 Sen. Jen Gross
17:10:46 Martha Fuller, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana
17:12:10 Sen. Jen Gross
17:12:42 Rep. Jane Gillette-R
17:13:14 Sen. Carl Glimm
17:13:50 Robin Turner, ACLU
17:14:34 Sen. Carl Glimm
17:18:45 Paula Stannard, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

17:21:54 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 544.

HEARING ON HB 376 - Establish Patient Bill of Rights

Opening Statement:

17:25:08 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 376, Establish
Patient Bill of Rights.

Proponent Testimony:

17:29:17 Debbie Moran, self

17:32:13 Sen. Steve Hinebauch left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:33:35 Sen. Becky Beard

17:37:56 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

17:41:48 Sen. Susan Webber

17:41:56 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

Closing Statement:

17:42:15 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 376.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 582 - Extend sunset date for community health aide program

17:48:24 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 582 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:48:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch, voting no.
Sen. Hinebauch, By Proxy

17:48:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Susan Webber

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 610 - Allowing ECPs to provide patient care in a health care facility

17:49:29 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 610 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:49:54 Sen. Susan Webber

17:50:48 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

17:51:41 Sen. Jen Gross

17:52:34 Sen. Susan Webber

17:53:44 Sen. Jen Gross
17:54:07 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
17:54:29 Madelyn Krezowski
17:55:47 Sen. Carl Glimm
17:49:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
17:49:29 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Dennis Lenz

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 655 - Require medicaid coverage of home births attended by midwives

17:58:00 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 655 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Discussion:
17:58:26 Sen. Jen Gross
17:58:47 Sen. Susan Webber
17:58:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
17:58:00 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jen Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684 - Prohibit use of vaccination status in certain administrative/legal proceedings

17:59:33 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 684 BE CONCURRED IN.**
17:59:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy
17:59:33 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Tom McGillvray

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 657 - Generally revise laws related to child and family ombudsman

18:01:25 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 657 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Discussion:
18:00:56 Sen. Jen Gross
18:01:53 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
18:03:23 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 657 TO TABLE.**
18:03:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:04:38

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230331PHSaad\)](#)